National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi were Rs. 330 crore in 2003-04 and Rs. 490 crore in 2004-05. The gross collections in Post Offices in NCT, Delhi under PPF in 2005-06, upto the month of February, 2006 were Rs. 282 crore. The collections during the corresponding period in 2004-05 *(i.e.* upto February, 2005) were Rs. 257 crore. Therefore, there is no decline in the gross collections.

At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the deposit ceiling under PPF from Rs. 70,000 to Rs. 1 lakh.

Guidelines of new pension schemes

3240. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed guidelines and modalities of the new pensbn scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that employees on *ad hoc*/leave vacancies who have been regularized after 2004 get pay benefits from previous date of their appointment whereas they are denied other benefits available to regular employees from that date;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the criteria followed for such employees in the matter of choice of pension schemes; and

(e) the steps taken to remove the anomalies in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Functions of PFRDA

3241. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority was proposed to be set up last year; and